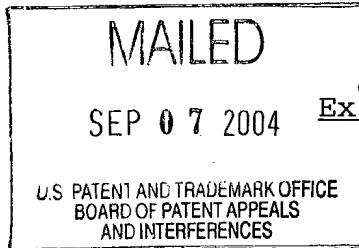


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 11, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

An Examiner's Answer was mailed on December 31, 2003. On page 3, section (9) of the Answer, the examiner relies upon Japanese Patent No. 3-169330. However, a review of the application reveals that the examiner has not provided a full text English translation of such reference.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to provide a full text English translation of Japanese

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Patent No. JP 3-169330, to provide a copy of the translation to applicants, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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